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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
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This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action dated August 18, 2005 and is being timely filed within the shortened statutory period set for a response to the Office Action. No fee is believed to be due for filing this paper.

Please amend the application, without prejudice, as follows:

Amendments to and Listing of the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks and Conclusion begin on page 6 of this paper.